

The Kiowa County Commissioner's Regular meeting was called to order on July 13, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott. Commissioner Oswald opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance were:

Richard Scott, Chairman
Cindy McLoud, Commissioner
Donald Oswald, Commissioner
Delisa Weeks, County Clerk
Tina Adamson, County Administrator

Oswald moved and McLoud seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2017 meeting. All Commissioners voted Affirmative.

McLoud moved and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the vouchers as presented. All Commissioners voted Affirmative.

McLoud moved and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the Agenda as presented. All Commissioners voted Affirmative.

OLD BUSINESS:

GRANTS: Updates were provided.

Jim Ramsey and Rick Gardner with the Department of Parks and Wildlife entered the meeting to discuss the Shalberg Pond. Ramsey reported the testing at Shalberg Pond showed that the aquatic vegetation is low so therefore the fish cannot survive. Ramsey suggested a wind generated aerator, which would supply oxygen back into the water. The Parks and Wildlife will check into the pricing of the aerator and see if there is still funding left in the Fishing for Fun Grant to cover the cost.

Ronny Farmer entered the meeting at 09:50 to review the audit. Farmer suggested the Social Service Department reconcile every quarter with the administrator due to some reconciliation issues.

Oswald moved and McLoud seconded the motion to sign the Commitment Letter Ronny Farmer had presented for the 2017-2018 year. All Commissioners voted Affirmative.

Oswald moved and McLoud seconded the motion to accept the audit as presented. All Commissioners voted Affirmative.

Oswald moved and McLoud seconded the motion to recess the meeting at 10:45 a.m. so those who wanted to attend the funeral for a former county employee could do so. All Commissioners voted Affirmative. The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Social Services Director Dennis Pearson entered the meeting at 1:00 p.m. to provide updates and request signatures for the TANF Program. Oswald moved and McLoud seconded to accept The Child Welfare Ombudsmen Subsidized Adoption Survey. All Commissioners voted Affirmative. Pearson exited the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Jennie Rodgers, Director of Community Strategies Institute had questions and some recommendations on the housing need assessment for the 6 county region. Each of the commissioners is or was landlords and was able to provide further information on the housing needs in this area.

Steve Hodges with Titan LED left an estimate for the Commissioners to review. Adamson will collect the last 12 months of electric bills and forward the information onto Titan LED.

Titan will be able to review and compare the possible savings the county will receive by installing LED lighting.

Fair board members Tearle Lessenden, Bart Michael and Scotty Engelhardt entered the meeting at 03:05 p.m. to discuss the upcoming demolition derby and the county fair. After lengthy discussion the fair board members excused themselves from the meeting.

Landfill: The State would like to know if Kiowa County wants to keep the Haswell landfill open. A Compliance Schedule will need to be sent to the State. There was lengthy discussion over the Haswell landfill.

Leave Donation Policy: Scott moved to adopt a leave donation policy, where a county employee can donate vacation or sick to another county employee to use for sick time in the event of a significant illness or life event in the family. Scott moved and McLoud seconded the motion. Motion passed with Scott and McLoud voting Affirmative. Oswald Opposed. Motion carried.

Debrucing Ballot Issue: Wendy Shinn, the County Attorney will assist in writing the question.

Mill Levy Issue: The Special Fire District will have a mill levy question on the 2017 ballot.

NEW BUSINESS:

Reports were reviewed and signed.

The Main Street Bash Committee asked for permission to use the county picnic tables and trash cans for the Main Street Bash. Foreman Howard will take care of this.

Adamson had completed the signs that will be hung on or near the trash dumpsters at Brandon and Towner, giving notice to residents prohibiting them from leaving trash outside of the dumpsters.

The next Commissioner's meeting will be July 27, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

With no further business to address, Oswald moved and McLoud seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. All Commissioners voted Affirmative.

County Clerk

Chairman

